

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A pharmaceutical composition comprised of from 1% to 20% by weight of ezetimibe; from 1% to 80% by weight of simvastatin; and from 0.01% to 2% by weight of BHA.  
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2. The composition of claim 1 comprised of from 1.25% to 10% of ezetimibe, and from 1% to 20% of simvastatin.
3. The composition of claim 2 comprised of from 5% to 10% of simvastatin.  
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4. The composition of claim 1 comprised of 0.01% to 0.05% of BHA.  
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5. The composition of claim 4 comprised of about 0.02% of BHA.
6. The composition of claim 1 further comprised of 0.2% or less by weight of propyl gallate.  
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7. The composition of claim 6 comprised of from 0.001% to 0.05% by weight of propyl gallate.
8. The composition of claim 7 comprised of about 0.005% by weight of propyl gallate.  
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9. The composition of claim 1 further comprised of from 5% to 20% by weight of microcrystalline cellulose; from 1% to 4% by weight of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose; and from 0.5% to 2% by weight of magnesium stearate.  
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10. The composition of claim 1 further comprised of 10% or less by weight of croscarmellose sodium.

11. The composition of claim 10 comprised of from 2% to 4% by weight of croscarmellose sodium.

5 12. The composition of claim 1 further comprised of 10% or less by weight of citric acid.

13. The composition of claim 12 comprised of from 0.1% to 1.25% by weight of citric acid.

10 14. A pharmaceutical dosage unit comprised of from 5 mg to 20 mg of ezetimibe; from 5 mg to 80 mg of simvastatin; and from 0.002 mg to 0.004 mg of BHA per mg of simvastatin.

15 15. The dosage unit of claim 14 comprised of 10 mg of ezetimibe and a dosage amount of simvastatin selected from 5 mg, 10mg, 20 mg, 40 mg and 80 mg.

20 16. The dosage unit of claim 14 further comprised of 0.0005 mg to 0.001 mg of propyl gallate per mg of simvastatin.

17. The dosage unit of claim 14 additionally comprised of from 1 mg to 640 mg of microcrystalline cellulose; from 0.5 mg to 80 mg of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose; from 0.1 mg to 32 mg of magnesium stearate; and lactose.

25 18. The dosage unit of claim 17 comprised of from 15 mg to 120 mg of microcrystalline cellulose; from 2 mg to 16 mg of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose; and from 1.5 to 12 mg of magnesium stearate.

30 19. The dosage unit of claim 14 further comprised of 80 mg or less of croscarmellose sodium.

20. The dosage unit of claim 14 further comprised of 80 mg or less of citric acid.

21. The composition of claim 1 provided that it is not comprised of ascorbic acid.

22. The composition of claim 21 wherein the composition is a tablet and provided that the tablet does not have a film coating.

23. The composition of claim 1 provided that it is not comprised of pregelatinized starch.

24. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:  
(a) from 1% to 20% by weight of a cholesterol absorption inhibitor;  
(b) from 1% to 80% by weight of at least one HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor; and  
(c) from 0.005% to 10% by weight of at least one stabilizing agent.

25. The composition of claim 24, wherein the cholesterol absorption inhibitor is ezetimibe.

26. The composition of claim 24, wherein the HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor is a statin.

27. The composition of claim 26, wherein the statin is selected from the group consisting of lovastatin, simvastatin, atorvastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, fluvastatin, cerivastatin, and pitavastatin.

28. The composition of claim 27, wherein the statin is simvastatin.

29. The composition of claim 27, wherein the statin is lovastatin.

30. The composition of claim 27, wherein the statin is atorvastatin.

31. The composition of claim 24, wherein the stabilizing agent is an antioxidant.

32. The composition of claim 31, wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of butylated hydroxyanisole, ascorbic acid, citric acid and edetate disodium.

5 33. The composition of claim 24 provided that it is not comprised of ascorbic acid.

34. The composition of claim 24 provided that it is not comprised of pregelatinized starch.

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35. The composition of claim 24, wherein the stabilizing agent comprises 0.01% to 5% by weight of the composition.

15 36. The composition of claim 35, wherein the stabilizing agent comprises 0.01% to 2% by weight of the composition.

20 37. The composition of claim 24, further comprising one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of sodium lauryl sulfate, croscarmellose sodium, pregelatinized starch, povidone, microcrystalline cellulose and lactose monohydrate.

25 38. A method of treating one or more diseases associated with a vascular condition in a patient in need of such treatment by administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 1.

39. A method of treating one or more diseases associated with a vascular condition in a patient in need of such treatment by administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a composition of claim 24.

30 40. A therapeutic combination comprising (a) a first amount of from 1% to 20% by weight of at least one sterol absorption inhibitor or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a solvate thereof and from 0.005% to 10% by weight of at least one first stabilizing agent; and (b) a second amount of from 1% to 80% by weight of at least one HMG CoA reductase inhibitor and from 0.005% to 35 10% by weight of at least one second stabilizing agent, wherein the first amount and

the second amount together comprise a therapeutically effective amount for the treatment or prevention of atherosclerosis.